

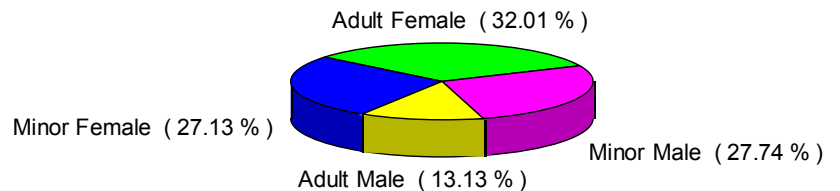
Wisconsin Food Stamp Program At a Glance

All data is for the month of November, 2001¹

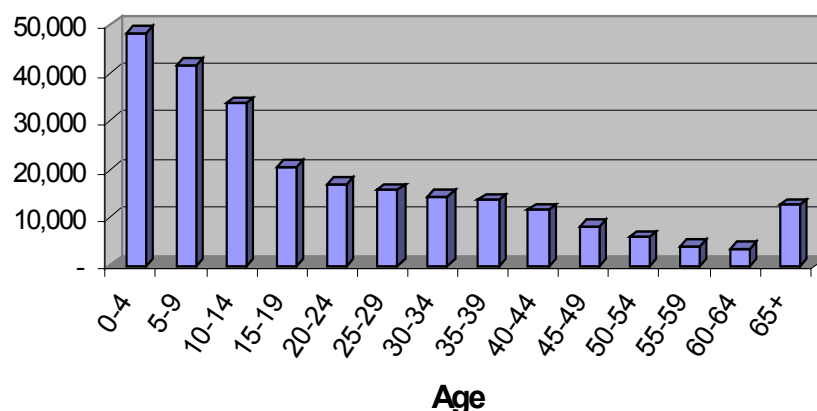
Who gets food stamps in Wisconsin?

- **Poverty:** 4.7% of the 5.3 million people in Wisconsin receive FS.² On average over the past three years, 8.8% of the state population is at or below the federal poverty rate.³
- **Assistance Groups (AGs)/Individuals:** 101,486 Assistance groups are made up of 251,730 individuals. There are an average of 2.5 people in an AG.
- **Gender:** 59% are female and 41% are male.
- **Adults/Minors:** 45% are adults while 55% are minors. 60% of AGs have minors in them.
- **Age distribution:** The chart below shows the number of FS recipients by age, in ranges of 5 years. The largest age group is comprised of children under age 4.

Adult Status and Gender Chart



FS Recipients Age Distribution



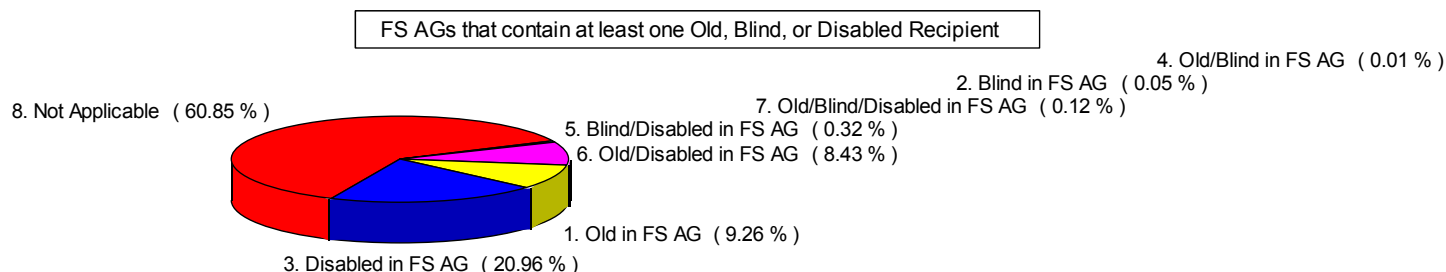
¹ Source: DWD/DWS FS Data Warehouse

² Source: U.S. Census Bureau,

http://factfinder.census.gov/bf/_lang=en_vt_name=DEC_2000_SF1_U_DP1_geo_id=04000US55.html

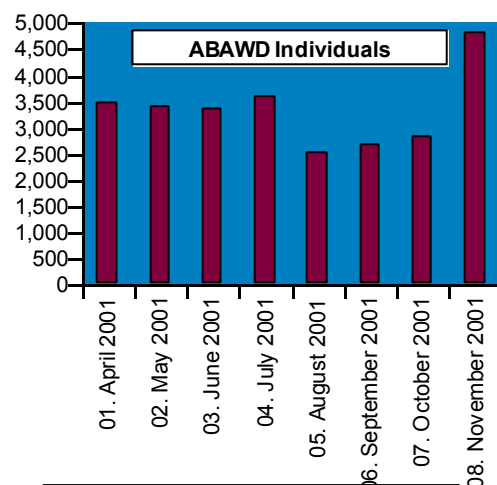
³ Source: U. S. Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/prod/2001pubs/p60-214.pdf>

- **Elderly/Disabled:** 17.4% of FS recipients are either elderly, blind, or disabled and 39% of AGs contain at least one individual that is either elderly, blind, or disabled.

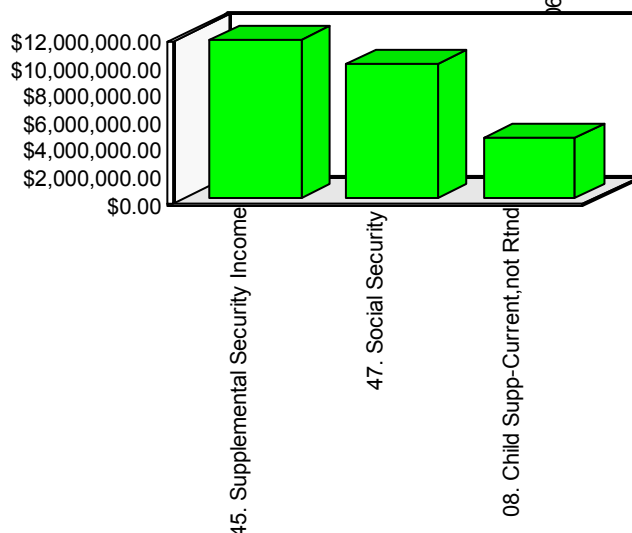


- **Work/Earnings:** 28.5% of the AGs have at least one person working.

This is a decrease of 3.8% from last month. The average monthly earned income of those AGs' is \$1,010, effectively unchanged since last month.⁴ 33% of adult FS recipients are employed.



- **Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDS):** 4,834 individuals are ABAWDS. That's 1.9% of the FS recipients. November saw an increase of 2,008 ABAWDS from October, or an increase of 71%. Only 12% of ABAWDS are employed. 67% of ABAWDS are male, 33% are female. 28% of ABAWDS are homeless.



- **Unearned Income (UI):** The average UI per AGs with unearned income is \$649.⁵ The three most common sources of UI for a FS AG are: 1) Supplemental Security Income (SSI), 2) Social Security Retirement, and 3) Current Child Support. These 3 types of UI account for 66% of all UI received by FS recipients.

⁴ This statistic contains prospective income for cases that may have caused the case to close at the end of the report month. Therefore, the income reported here was not necessarily the income used to calculate eligibility or the allotment amount.

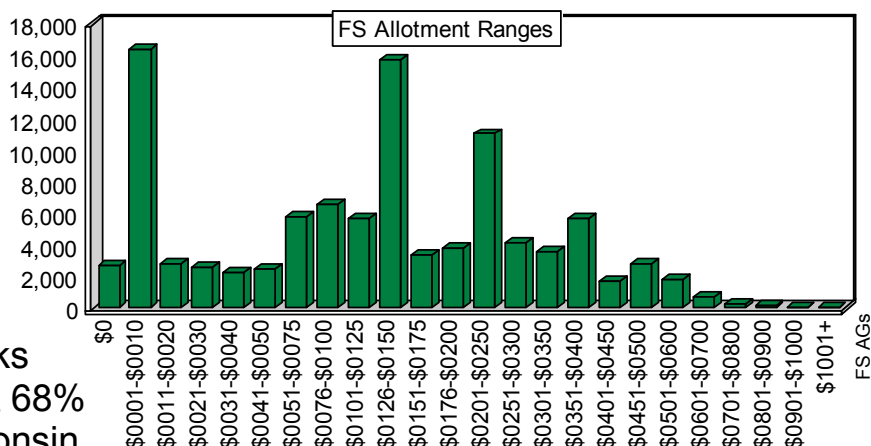
⁵ This statistic contains Social Security lump sum payments made in the report month. These can be over several thousand dollars and represent back pay for prior months.

- **Geography:** 48.6% of the AGs are in Milwaukee Co. 51.4% are in the balance of the state. The top 5 counties with the most FS AGs are: Milwaukee, Dane, Racine, Rock, and Kenosha. These counties hold 64% of the FS AGs in Wisconsin.

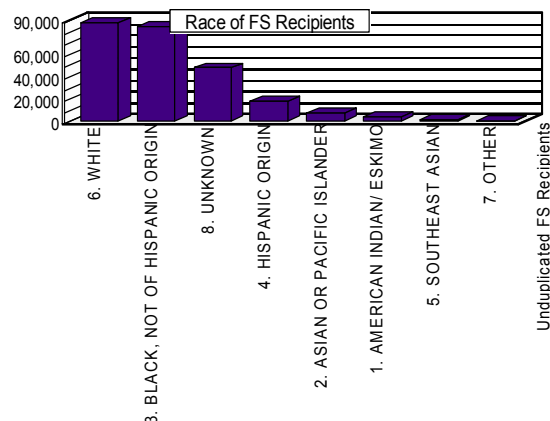
FS AGs	Percentage	Milwaukee County/ BOS
52,171	51.41 %	Balance of State
49,315	48.59 %	Milwaukee County
101,486		
	100.00 %	

- **Allotments:** A total of over \$16.1 million in food stamp benefits were allotted for the month. The average allotment amount per AG is \$158.

The average allotment for AGs that contain an elderly, blind, or disabled member is \$94. However, 18.8% of the caseload only receives between \$0 and \$10 in allotments.



- **Race:** Whites and Blacks equally comprise almost 68% of FS recipients in Wisconsin. 19% of the recipients are coded as “unknown” in CARES, the computer system used to compute eligibility.

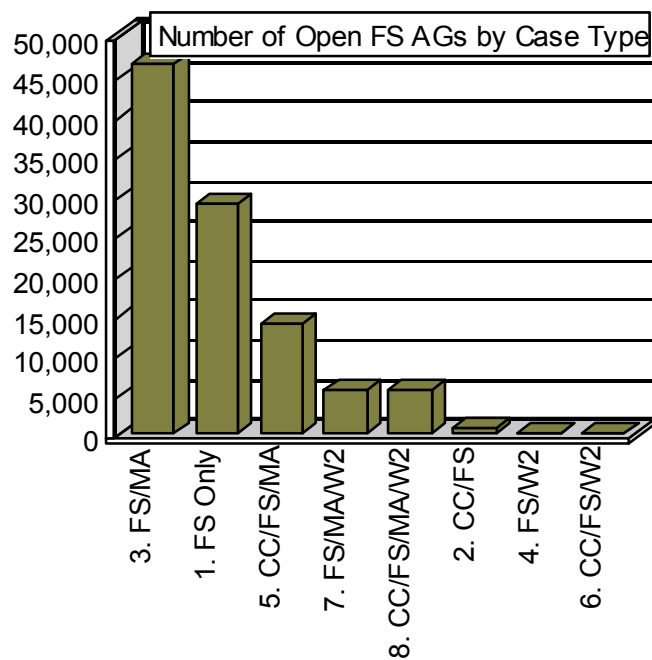


- **Assets:** 89% of FS AGs have budgetable assets between zero and \$250. Note that as of 07/01/01 vehicles are no longer countable assets. Also, groups known as “categorically eligible AGs” do not have any assets budgeted when determining eligibility. About 1% of FS AGs contain a homeowner.
- **Education:** 56% of adult FS recipients are HS graduates or equivalent.

Highest level of education for Adult FS Recipients

Education Level Group	Unduplicated FS Recipients(Query 2 with FSIndivi)	Percentage
4. High School Grad or Equiv	48838	42.98 %
3. Secondary School (9-12)	36372	32.01 %
5. Post High School	14985	13.19 %
2. Elementary School (K-8)	8195	7.21 %
1. No Formal Schooling	5231	4.60 %
Percent:		100.00 %
Sum:	113621	

- **Other Benefits:** The majority of open FS AGs receive other benefits in CARES. The second bar on the right represents "FS only" cases. This is 28% of cases that contain open FS AGs. 72% of open FS AGs receive a combination of FS, Medical Assistance (MA), W-2, or Child Care assistance (CC). The case combination type is listed on the X axis.



- **Homelessness** 4,350 FS recipients were homeless in November. That's 1.7% of the total FS recipients.
- **Historical Caseload Trends** The average number of FS AGs over the last 16 years is 103,927. There was a sharp increase in FS AGs in January of 1992 when a law change allowed SSI recipients to apply for FS. The highest caseload was 134,684 in February of 1986. The lowest caseload was 71,031 in July of 1999. The caseload has increased an average of 1.5% per month since July of 1999.

